

In the claims:

All of the claims standing for examination are reproduced below with appropriate status indication.

1 – 34. (Cancelled)

35. (New) An Internet-enabled appointment and reservation service system, comprising:
an Internet-connected appointment/reservation server executing first software; and
one or more subscribing businesses to the service, the businesses each having an internet-connected appliance executing second software;

wherein the appointment server, through the first software, presents to browsing clients an interactive interface enabling the clients to select individual ones of the subscribing businesses, and once a subscribing business is selected displays to the selecting client an interactive appointment/reservation schedule to select an appointment or reservation with the business, wherein the appointment server updates the appointment/reservation schedule at the server for each business as browsing clients make appointments/reservations, wherein the appointment/reservation server periodically provides updated appointment schedules to the subscribing businesses which are displayed by the second software interactively, allowing the subscribing businesses to further update the appointment reservation schedules and to return them to the appointment/reservation server, which updated versions then becomes the interactive schedules displayed to browsing clients.

36. (New) A method for managing appointment/reservations for subscribing businesses to an Internet-connected appointment/reservation server, comprising the steps of:

(a) presenting to browsing clients by the appointment/reservation server an interactive interface enabling the clients to select individual ones of the subscribing businesses;

(b) once a subscribing business is selected in (a) displaying to the selecting client an interactive appointment/reservation schedule enabling the client to select an appointment or reservation with the business;

(c) updating the appointment/reservation schedule at the server for each business as browsing clients make appointments/reservations;

(d) periodically providing updated appointment schedules to the subscribing businesses and displaying the schedules by the second software interactively, allowing the subscribing businesses to further update the appointment reservation schedules and to return them to the appointment/reservation server, which updated versions then becomes the interactive schedules displayed to browsing clients.